

**North Hertfordshire District Council
Licensing Act 2003
Decision Notice**

Date of Hearing	27 May 2005
Members of Panel	Councillors Alan Bardett, Simon Bloxham and Paul Clark

Applicant(s) Name	Punch Taverns Plc
Premises Address	Goldcrest Inn, 14a High Street, Baldock, Herts, SG7 6AS
Date of Application	17 March 2005
Details of Application	<p>Variation of a Premises Licence during the transitional period under Section 8 paragraph 7(b) of the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>Relevant Licensing Activities:</p> <p>Supply of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment, including recorded music, karaoke and live music (restricted to no more than 2 entertainers).</p> <p>Hours of Licensable Activities:</p> <p><u>Supply of alcohol</u></p> <p>Monday to Wednesday 1000hrs to 2300hrs Thursday to Saturday 1000hrs to 0000hrs Sunday 1100hrs to 2230hrs</p> <p>And an additional hour for every Christmas Eve and Boxing Day that falls on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.</p> <p><u>Regulated entertainment</u></p> <p>Live Music (Amplified and/or unamplified live music performed by no more that 2 Entertainers) on 6 occasions during the year to be limited to 2300hrs</p> <p>Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description on 6 occasions during the year to be limited to 2300hrs</p>

The Sub-Committee have read the material presented to us and have listened to all the evidence and submissions.

We have also heard the oral evidence of the Environmental Health Department in relation to public nuisance and the local residents on the grounds of public nuisance and crime and disorder.

The Sub-Committee has considered the National Guidance and the North Hertfordshire Statement of Licensing Policy and has come to the following decision:

We are minded to grant this application subject to the conditions in the operational schedule submitted by the applicant and the following conditions and restrictions:

Supply of alcohol:

Monday to Wednesday 1000hrs to 2300hrs

Thursday to Saturday 1000hrs to 0000hrs

Sunday 1100hrs to 2230hrs

And an additional hour for every Christmas Eve and Boxing Day that falls on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Regulated entertainment:

Live Music (Amplified and/or unamplified, live music performed by no more than 2 Entertainers) on 6 occasions during every year to be limited to 2230hrs

Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description on 6 occasions during the year to be limited to 2230hrs

A condition to be attached as follows:

The licensable activities, by the variation hereby granted, shall not take place until a written addendum (the "Noise Management Plan") to the operating schedule has been submitted to the Licensing Authority and approved, in writing, by the Responsible Authority for pollution control.

This addendum shall clearly identify the method(s) by which a public nuisance to local residents, due to the liberation of noise associated with licensable activities of the premises, will be prevented.

The noise management condition and the restrictions imposed on the hours of live music and provision of facilities for entertainment have been found necessary to prevent public nuisance and in particular to prevent noise emanating from the premises.

In relation to the representations about crime and disorder being caused by individuals leaving the premises we require the following condition:

There is to be at least one door supervisor, registered with the Security Industry Association, to be stationed at the front of the premises between the hours of 2100 and 0030 every Friday and Saturday night.

The Sub-Committee believes that this condition is necessary to prevent the admission and to ensure the departure from the premises of the drunk and disorderly, without causing further disorder.